

## HOW THE AMOUNT OF EARNINGS AFFECTS PAYMENT OF SURVIVOR ANNUITIES

In general, these rules apply to gross earnings from employment and net earnings from self-employment.

Gross earnings from employment are all salaries, wages, commissions, bonuses (or other money payments), retroactive wage increases, or any allowance for room and/or board before payroll deductions for income tax, social security, insurance premiums, etc. Net earnings from self-employment are the gross income minus expenses.

### **\*1997\***

An annuitant age 65 or older in 1997 may earn up to \$13,500 during 1997 and not lose any benefits. For this annuitant, for every \$3 earned over \$13,500, \$1 of benefits may be lost. An annuitant under the age of 65 during the entire year of 1997 may earn up to \$8,640 and not lose any benefits. For this annuitant, for every \$2 earned over \$8,640, \$1 of benefits may be lost. However, no annuity payments will be withheld for any month in which the annuitant is age 70 or older. Also, no annuity payments may be lost for months in the first year a person was both entitled to an annuity and had a non-work month. A non-work month for this purpose is a month in which an annuitant neither earned over the limit set for his age (\$1,125 in 1997 for an age 65 or older annuitant or \$720 for an annuitant under age 65) nor rendered substantial services in self-employment.

### **\*1996\***

An annuitant age 65 or older in 1996 may earn up to \$12,500 during 1996 and not lose any benefits. For this annuitant, for every \$3 earned over \$12,500, \$1 of benefits may be lost. An annuitant under the age of 65 during the entire year of 1996 may earn up to \$8,280 and not lose any benefits. For this annuitant, for every \$2 earned over \$8,280, \$1 of benefits may be lost. However, no annuity payments may be lost for months in the first year a person was both entitled to an annuity and had a non-work month. A non-work month for this purpose is a month in which an annuitant neither earned over the limit set for his age (\$1,041 in 1996 for an age 65 or older annuitant or \$690 for an annuitant under age 65) nor rendered substantial services in self-employment.

### **\*1995\***

An annuitant age 65 or older in 1995 may earn up to \$11,280 during 1995 and not lose any benefits. For this annuitant, for every \$3 earned over \$11,280, \$1 of benefits may be lost. An annuitant under the age of 65 during the entire year of 1995 may earn up to \$8,160 and not lose any benefits. For this annuitant, for every \$2 earned over \$8,160, \$1 of benefits may be lost. However, no annuity payments may be lost for months in the first year a person was both entitled to an annuity and had a non-work month. A non-work month for this purpose is a month in which an annuitant neither earned over the limit set for his age (\$940 in 1995 for an age 65 or older annuitant or \$680 for an annuitant under age 65) nor rendered substantial services in self-employment.